

# THE BURNETTS MISSIONARIES IN ROMANIA

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Dear Praying Friends:

Sally and I want to thank you all for your prayerful support of the Lord's ministry here in Romania! It has been a very busy and eventful time since our last prayer letter. On January 30<sup>th</sup> our family was involved in a serious accident on the way to Sotanga for morning services. There were six of us in our car though it is only designed for five. We were struck from behind at a high rate of speed and praise God that there were no serious injuries! My car was struck in such a way that it was spun out of the way of the car that hit us. We lost our car for about a month. The repairs cost \$1,000.00. We would like to raise the funds for a larger vehicle (7 or 9 passenger). A larger vehicle would be a great help for the ministry in bringing people to church. We are very grateful for the Churches and individuals that have already given to this need. God has already provided through your generosity approximately \$4,000.00 which could be used for a larger vehicle. There is a missionary here in Romania that has a VW Sharon that seats seven people. He is preparing to leave Romania permanently and will be selling his car. He is asking \$7,000.00 Euro which would be the equivalent of \$10,000.00 US dollars. This is just one possibility. Please pray that we will be able to purchase a vehicle that will work well for the ministry.

Concerning preparations for building, we have purchased some of the materials and we are still waiting on some of the building permits. I finally enlisted the help of our architect to help with the building permits. He told me that once he had to wait six months for an approval from the fire department. Please pray that we can get the rest of our approvals within the next month. Please pray also for additional funds so that we will be able to install the foundation, put up the walls and put the roof on. We appreciate all of you that have given towards the building project. We are excited about actually breaking ground soon to start the foundation!

We have five people that have expressed a desire to be baptized. Please pray for Anitsa, Catalin, Lucian and our daughters, Nicoleta and Adelina. It is an encouragement to see fruit to the glory of the Lord Jesus Christ! Biblical baptism is a very big step for most Romanians. Please pray for these to follow through with this important step of obedience!

We recently learned that our daughter, Rebecca and her husband (Daniel) will be coming to Romania to visit us for two weeks! We are very excited to see them here in Romania.

This past Sunday we had two people visiting the work in Targoviste, who had left to find work in Western Europe. We have two others who are preparing to go to Italy to work. The ebb and flow of the presence of our people can be discouraging but it is a fact of life here in Romania. One of the reasons why young people want to leave Romania to work in the West is that Romania is one of the poorest countries in the EU but it has some of the highest prices. This is partly because the TVA or sales tax here in Romania is 24%. Romania does not lower this tax for staples such as eggs, bread or milk. Also gas prices here are close to \$7.00 a gallon. Salaries have grown slowly over the last few years but many are still working for salaries of two or three hundred dollars per month. This amounts to about two hundred Euros per month. So if someone goes to work in Spain and earns eight hundred Euros per month they are doing much better than here: especially when you factor in the lower food prices and cost of living. Romania had one of the highest inflation rates in Europe for 2010. Thank you for your faithful prayers and support!

Your missionaries in Romania,

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